

BTBJ...Where You Belong! *The Ruach!*

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**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**



NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER CALENDAR EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2021 EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Mussar Class 7 pm	ECC CLOSED Religious School 4:15 pm BTBJ U 7 pm	3 Keshet Teens & Hay Class 6:30 pm Daf Yomi 7:00 pm	4 Minyan 7:30 am Beginner's Hebrew 11:00 am Rabbi Roni's Salon 7 pm	5 Services 6:30 pm	6 Services 9:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Holly Boegner Jr. Cong. 10:30 am virtual
7 Minyan 9:30 am Rel School & Better Together 9:30 am Sundays w/ Rabbi 10:30 am Virtual Cooking 4 pm RS PSG	8 Mussar Class 7:00 pm	9 Rel. School 4:15 pm Adult Trope 7 pm	10 Dalet and Hay School 6:30 pm	11 Minyan 7:30 am Daf Yomi 7 pm	12 Services 6:30 pm	13 Services 9:30 am Bat Mitzvah of Brenna Fox ECC PSG Virtual Game Night 7 pm
14 Minyan 9:30 am Rel. School 9:30 am Social Action Sunday 1 pm Youth Event 12:30 pm	15 Mussar Class 7 pm	16 Rel. Sch. 4:15 pm BTBJ U 7 pm	17 Keshet Teens/Better Together/Dalet 7:00 pm Daf Yomi 7:15 pm	18 Minyan 7:30 am Beginner's Hebrew 11:00 am Board Meeting 7:15 pm	19 Services 6:30 pm	20 Services 9:30 am Jr. Cong. 10:30 am Torah Study Session 11:15 am
21 Minyan 9:30 am Rel.Sch. 9:30 am Parent Series-Nurture the WOW 10:30 am Men's Club Eagles watch party 1 pm	22 Mussar Class 7:00 pm	23 Daf Yomi 7 pm Adult Trope 7 pm	24	25 THANKSGIVING DAY ECC CLOSED	26 ECC CLOSED	27 Services 9:30 am
EREV CHANUKAH 28 Minyan 9:30 am	CHANUKAH DAY 1 29 Mussar Class 7:00 pm	CHANUKAH DAY 2 30 Rel. Sch. 4:15 pm BTBJ U 7 pm				

DECEMBER 2021 EVENTS

			CHANUKAH DAY 3 1 Keshet Teens/Hay Class 6:30 pm Daf Yomi 7 pm	CHANUKAH DAY 4 2 Minyan 7:30 am Beginner's Hebrew 11:00 am	CHANUKAH DAY 5 3 Services 7:00 pm	CHANUKAH DAY 6 4 Services 9:30 am Bar Mitzvah of Jason Walters Junior Cong. 10:30 am virtual
CHANUKAH DAY 7 5 Minyan 9:30 am Rel. School 9:30 am Virtual Cooking 4 pm RS PSG	CHANUKAH DAY 8 6 Mussar Class 7:00 pm Sisterhood Game Night 7 pm	7 Religious School 4:15 pm Adult Trope 7:00 pm BTBJ U 7:00 pm	8 Dalet and Hay Class 6:30 pm	9 Minyan 7:30 am Beginner's Hebrew 11:00 am Daf Yomi 7 pm	10 Dinner 6:00 pm and Services 7:15 pm Honoring Rabbi Grife	11 Services 9:30 am Honoring Rabbi Grife
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19 Minyan 9:30 am Religious School 9:30 am	20	21 Religious School 4:15 pm	22 Dalet & Better Together 6:30 pm	23 Minyan 7:30 am ECC Winter Show 10:00 am	24 ECC Closed to all	25 Services 9:30 am
26 Minyan 9:30 am	27	28 Adult Trope 7 pm	29	30 Minyan 7:30 am	31 ECC Closed to all	



“Jewish Survival Throughout the Ages and Today!”

Ever since the first Jewish family arrived in this world, namely Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Hagar and Ishmael, Jewish survival has been a critical issue and foremost cause for anxiety throughout history.

In Abraham's time, Genesis 22 relates how God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac to prove his loyalty to God. If Isaac would have died, the history of the Jewish people might have been 1 generation long. Thankfully, according to the story, God intervened at the last minute and spared Isaac's life. Isaac went on to become our 2nd patriarch and the rest is history. In just about every generation, Jews have worried about their future amidst the host of challenges, oppressions and persecutions they faced. It is ironic how despite the fact that we have lasted for 4 millennia, we have constantly fretted over whether we would be here tomorrow. We continue to concern ourselves over the future despite all we have survived and in light of the fact that Jewish life is greatly flourishing throughout the world including the fact that the modern State of Israel is now in her 73rd year of existence!

Today, we continue to gaze into the future with trepidation despite our many successes. Will our children choose to remain Jewish? Will they study, learn, practice, commit themselves and proudly identify as Jews? Will they figure out how to create and embody a positive Jewish lifestyle for themselves? In this generation as before, we strive to create a positive Jewish world for ourselves, our children and for the future!

I want to share with you one of my favorite Hasidic stories to illustrate this fear and challenge and to hope that the moral inspires us to believe that we can perpetuate Judaism despite the challenges we will face.

In the days of the great Hasidic master the Baal Shem Tov in the first half of the 18th century, trouble came to the Jewish people. The people beseeched the Baal

Shem Tov to help them through to witness better days. The Baal Shem Tov committed himself to doing the best that he could to petition God on behalf of the beleaguered community. So, the Baal Shem Tov went to a certain forest. In the midst of the forest, he went to one particular clearing. In that clearing he kindled a certain fire and then he offered a special prayer incantation to the Lord to save the Jewish people. According to the legend, after and because the Baal Shem Tov did all that, the Jewish people averted trouble and lived to see easier days!

After the time of the Baal Shem Tov the great Hasidic master known as Baruch of Medzebozh arose in the 2nd half of the 18th century. Again, great troubles came to the Jewish people. And again, the community beseeched Reb Baruch to petition the Master of the Universe of their behalf. Reb Baruch was aware of the life of his teacher, the Baal Shem Tov. So, like his master, he went to the particular forest and found the particular clearing. He remembered how to light the petitionary fire but alas, by the time Reb Baruch was asked to do this, the words of the prayer had been forgotten and proved irretrievable. So, Reb Baruch lifted his voice to God and said,

Ribono shel Olam, O Master of the Universe! As my teacher successfully did, I am here to seek Your help on behalf of the Jewish people who are being threatened! Like my teacher, I have come to the same forest and the same clearing that he did. I have lit the special fire too. But unfortunately, the words of the sacred salvific prayer have been lost and are unknown to me. Nevertheless, I hope that all I am doing will prove efficacious and will help avert great trouble for the Jewish people! So may it be!

And according to Tradition, because of all that Reb Baruch of Medzebozh did, again the Jewish people avoided great trouble and lived to see easier days!

Some time later, the great Hasidic rebbe known as the Maggid of Mezeritch who lived well into the 2nd half of the 18th century was in his time sought out by the Jewish community who feared for their future. As others did before, the people urged the Maggid to supplicate on their behalf to God to help them. Like his teachers, the Maggid lived to do so. Whereupon he went to the noted forest and found the special clearing. But when he got there, he too lifted his voice to HaShem and declared,

Ribono shel Olam, O Master of the Universe. As my predecessors did before me, I am here to seek Your help to intervene on behalf of the Jewish people who

who feel threatened! I too have consequently come to the same forest and the same clearing that my teachers came to. But alas, the nature of the special fire and the words of the prayer of salvation are unknown to me; their particulars have been lost over the passage of time. Despite that, I hope that all I am doing to supplicate Your aid will prove effective and You will help Your people in their time of need! So may it be!

According to Tradition, because of all that the Maggid of Mezeritch did, again the Jewish people successfully triumphed over their adversaries and their challenges and survived to enjoy easier days!

Kayn Yihi Ratzon – so may it happen to us too!

Time passed. During the days of the Rizhiner, Reb Israel of Rizhin, trouble again befell the Jewish people. Again, the Jewish community asked Reb Israel to petition the Lord on their behalf. Taking the problems and survival of the Jewish people on his shoulders, the Rizhiner went to the particular forest that he knew about from the stories of his predecessors. Once he arrived at the forest's edge, the Rizhiner lifted his voice to Heaven and proclaimed,

Melech Malchay HaMelachim, O God who is the King of all Kings! The Jewish people are being threatened with their very survival and consequently have come to me to intervene on their behalf. So here I am as my teachers did in the forest that helped save the community.

Unfortunately, the knowledge of the one clearing along with the nature of the special fire and prayer have disappeared over time; no one knows anything about them. But I have come to the forest because that much I know. Despite what I no longer know, I hope that my prayers will be enough for You to help Your people in their time of need! So may it be!

And again, according to the Tradition, the Rizhiner was successful in guiding the people through their trouble to see easier days for the community,

Kayn Yihi Ratzon – so may it happen to us too!

Time again passed and the great Hasidic master Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Ladi assumed the mantle of leading thousands of Hasidim. Again, during his time, great troubles befell the Jewish people. Again, the people sought his help. So, Reb Shneur Zalman said he would do all he could to help.

Whereupon the great Rebbe went before the Ark in his shul and petitioned the Lord with these words...

HaShem Yitbaruch, O God who is greatly blessed! Your people are facing dire circumstances and have asked me to intercede on their behalf. So here I am standing before You praying for their welfare. I know that in days passed, the great Rabbanim, my teachers, knew about a special forest that contained a certain clearing. They possessed knowledge about a magical fire and a special incantation that proved effective in helping them survive the troubles of their days. I, however, am so sorry that all this information has disappeared with the sands of time. I no longer know the whereabouts of the fire and the clearing, nor how to light the fire, nor how to offer the unique prayer. However, this I know! I know the story of how all that happened and how it worked for previous generations. Therefore, what I bring to you is the story and a reminder of Your promise of the Covenant You established with our people to protect and save them from one generation to another! So, I tell You this story hoping that it will be Dayyenu! It will be enough to help our people and rescue them in their time of need! So may it be!

And again, according to Tradition, the efforts of Reb Shneur proved very effective in helping rescue the Jewish people in their time to witness better days!

My friends, I hope you are moved by this tale. It reminds us that throughout history the Jewish people have prevailed over all their difficulties and despite great losses at times, we have lived to see another day and witness the building of the future. Every generation has had its particular leaders who had their individual skills. Every generation has had its own strengths and unique confrontations. But the story illustrates that despite the nature of the problems and the means available to them to address them, whatever they did has proved Dayennu! Enough! Enough to see them through and to survive from one generation to the next. This story also reminds us that we are a living, thriving, energetic, positive story that has been told for thousands of years as we continue to write that story day after day! As our ancestors did, let us believe that we can prove successful in perpetuating a dynamic Jewish life! And let us remember that despite the fact that our approach may be different and that we might wish we had some of the tools that others have used – sometimes the fact that we know the story and that we want to tell the story to all may just prove to be Dayennu!! Enough to build our future!!

In this year of 5782/2021, we, the Jewish people, also have our challenges. We worry whether we will be successful in transmitting enough Jewish energy to our children so that they will want and be able to live as proud Jews and want the same for their children. We worry whether they will care, learn, take the journey and be proud to identify and to live as Jews as so many have done before us. Despite 4000 years of continuity, we never rest from being concerned about our future!

I have shared the aforementioned story with you because while every Jewish leader and generation had their unique challenges along with different ways of how to meet them, every one without exception proved successful in becoming a bridge to the future and perpetuating Jewish life. Now, it is our time. Now, it is our turn. Now we must ask ourselves, do we care enough about Jewish life to do everything in our means to hand it down to our children and to the future? Are we willing to do whatever it takes to continue Jewish life? Will we rise up as individuals and as a community to meet that which challenges and threatens us with the best of every tool at our disposal to try and create a vibrant, relevant and meaningful Jewish life to our future?

This story illustrates that so many others have proved successful in this undertaking before us despite the changing circumstances.

Let us believe that we are more capable to rise up to this challenge in our time!

Kayn Yihi Ratzon! So may it happen to us too!

I pray that the well-being and continuity of a beautiful Jewish world will remain in the forefront of our prayers and actions and that whatever we deem necessary to do to ensure that we will do for the sake of ourselves, our children and of all!

AMEN!!

Hard to believe we are heading into November already! Where did the first few months of school go?

In person Wednesday and Sundays sessions are in full force and students also enjoy their small group Hebrew instruction throughout the week.

Our Charleston Wrap Fundraiser is up and running so please make sure you keep an eye out for this information so you can help raise money for our religious school.

Our first baking class with Steph Barrie needed to be rescheduled so please look for upcoming information for this new date in November.

We encourage ALL families to get involved by attending these events and volunteering for various opportunities around the synagogue such as being a home-room liaison or leading an event.

We are still in need for HR Liaisons for the Aleph and Gan classes, so if you are interested please contact Rachel Handis to sign up.

We are also beginning to plan our Chanukkah Event for December so if you are interested in helping with the planning, feel free to contact us as well.

Mazel Tov to the upcoming November B'nai Mitzvah! So proud of all of you! Please continue to stay safe and healthy!

Fondly-
Terri Rosen and Rachel Handis
RSPSG Co-Chairs



From the Desk of Rabbi Roni Handler



Rabbi Roni Handler
**Associate Rabbi/
Director of
Congregational
Learning**

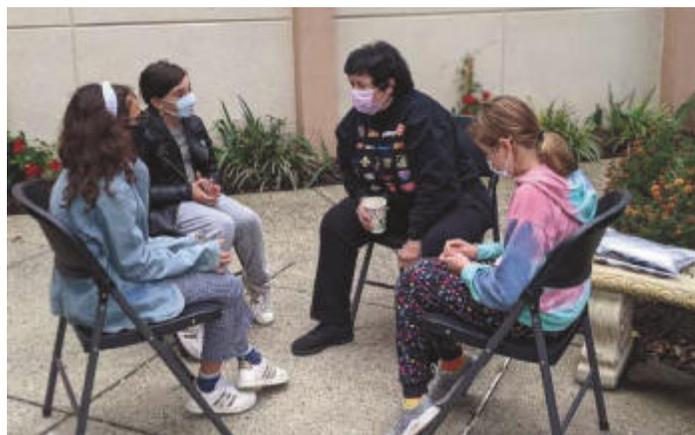
This has been a busy month in the BTBJ religious school! In our Dalet and Hay classes we kicked off our Moving Traditions B'nai Mitzvah program, our Dalet students also met both in-person and online with adult members of our BTBJ community as part of our Better Together inter-generational program. Our Hay Class and Keshet Teen students joined with students from Temple Sinai for a social action project for JFCS. And our Mechina-Dalet students came together for junior congregation services both in-person and online and for our first Youth event of the year, which included games and a scavenger hunt! Programming is in full swing at BTBJ and we hope you will join us for more learning, fun and community time!

Soon we will gather with friends and loved ones to celebrate Thanksgiving and, a few days later, celebrate the first night of Hanukkah. This confluence of events are an encouragement for us to reflect upon the abundance in our lives and to do so with gratitude. As we move into these holiday festivities, may we heed the words of Rabbi Joshua Lesser:

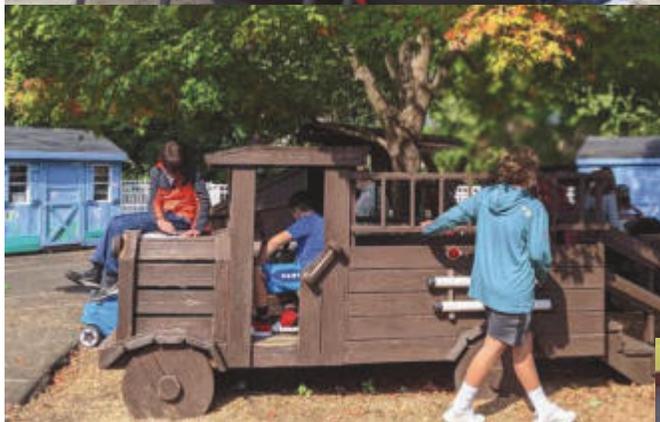
*Help us see that our happiness
comes from the simple gifts we share,
Not from the need of more possessions,
or wealth or power,
Nor the trappings of status that divide
So that, indeed we can be satisfied
In the knowledge that what we have is enough
And that who we are is enough.*



Religious School Pictures



Pictures from Religious School and our Better Together Program, which pairs students with adult members of our congregation. For more information on our Better Together program, please contact Rabbi Roni 215-836-5677 or rhandler@btbj.org





Michael Drossner, President

Now that the fall holiday season is behind us, we are settling into our fall programming at BTBJ, and I invite you to join us at the synagogue for these events. We know that many people have become comfortable with virtual events and zooming into BTBJ from the comfort of their home, their car and from wherever they may be. However, nothing builds community and creates connections quite like being physically present, in the building, with other members of our congregation. Recently, we had our first in-person board meeting since March 2020. We had an excellent turnout, a robust conversation surrounding our meeting agenda, and – most importantly – our board members were able to talk and connect with other board members both before and after the meeting. BTBJ has always thrived on the strength of our community and the connections we have to the synagogue and each other, and those connections are certainly strengthened by our presence together. So, as you look at the calendar and receive weekly emails regarding events at BTBJ, whether they are religious school, congregational learning, ritual, or any of our amazing affiliates and committees, we hope that you will step out of the comfort of your home/car/office and back into BTBJ, where you belong!

Also, please take note that we will honor Rabbi Grife on Friday, December 10, with dinner and a service at BTBJ. More details will be coming soon but please mark your calendar to honor his time and legacy at BTBJ. Rabbi Grife has likely officiated at your wedding, your child's B'nai Mitzvah and/or wedding, funerals and shiva minyans for your family members and so many other significant life cycle events. We hope that you will come out to honor and thank him for so many years of service to the BTBJ community.

**Jon and Geri Abrams and Family
The Chiara Family
Howard, Farryl and Fayne Cohen
The de Koninck/Handler Family
Michael, Mindy,
Maya and Brandon Drossner
Glenn, Alana,
Dalya and Sophia Dunoff
Drs. Toby and Bruce Eisenstein
Jo Ann, Bruce and Sara Engleman,
Rachel and Eric Merin
Richard and Deborah Friedman
The Gittleman Family
Julie, Josh,
Lily, Maya and Harrison Goldstein
Jay, Dori, Alyssa and Carly Green
Cantor Benjamin Greenfield
Rabbi Saul Grife and family
The Handis Family
Michael, Donna,
David and Jared Harris
Shelly and Morris Hochbaum
and Family
The Hurwitz Family
Rosalind Ingber and Family
Dorene and Stephen Karasick
and Family
Joyce Block and Murray Klug
Dr. Benjamin and Susan Krevsky
Charles and Myra Kudosh and family
Marcie, Farryl,
Hal, Becca and Lena Leshner
Max Lieberman and Family
Martie (Meira) Martin and Family
Jill, David, Seth and Remi Nuddle
The O'Briens, Lisa, Chris, Jake and Rob
Barbara Cohen and Marty Polinsky
Stephen H. Saks and Family
Brett, Lindsay, Ryder and Isla Schwartz
The Schwenderman Family
Don and Eileen Silver
Lita Anne Smith
Marla Sones and Family
Annette and Perry Swartz
Mark, Merrie and Julie Tabak
Amy Veloric and family
Cantor Buzzy and Ellen Walters
Fred, Myra and Brett Weissberger**

Men's Club Happenings



Michael Seeherman, Men's Club President

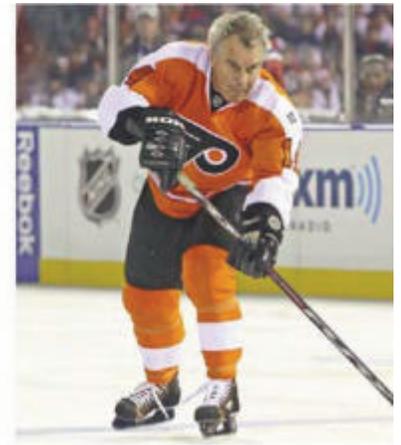
On October 17, the BTBJ Men's Club joined with over 300 members of the Philadelphia Jewish Community at Friends of Jewish Cemeteries Har Nebo Volunteer Day to perform an extension of the mitzvah of Chesed Shel Emet. Chesed Shel Emet, caring for the dead, we were caring for their graves. This mitzvah is one that can never be repaid by the ones receiving of it and as such is considered to be one of the most noble of mitzvot. The event was organized by Rich Blumberg who was a Bar Mitzvah at BTBJ. His parents, Harris and Grace Blumberg were long time members of BTBJ. We raked leaves, cleared partially buried stones, removed growth from stones, clipped overgrowth, trimmed around the graves and pulled weeds. There was also a short memorial service. We look forward to participating in future mitzvot opportunities like this one.

Men's Club continues to sponsor the last Sunday Minyan of the month. We encourage all members to join us on Sundays in person at 9:30 am. In October we met for minyan then went on a bike ride that was postponed from earlier in the month.

We will gather this month to cheer on our struggling Eagles. **On Sunday, November 21st at 1 pm, the Eagles will take on the Saints.** We will be taking on pizza and camaraderie. When we were first planning this event we thought that the two teams may be leading their divisions and the game may be flexed to prime time. I am pretty confident that this game will not be moved at this time. Please look for a sign up email for this event in the near future.

If you have not officially joined the Men's Club yet, now is the time to do so. Sunday, December 12th will be the time for all members in good standing of the Men's Club to gather for our Annual Members Appreciation dinner. We will be honoring Rabbi Grife with the Hershel Gordon L'Dor V'Dor award. This award recognizes a lifetime of dedication and commitment to the betterment of the BTBJ Congregational Community.

The keynote speaker will be Flyer, Joe Watson. For more than five decades, Joe Watson has brought grit, perseverance, and unmatched enthusiasm for the sport of hockey to the Philadelphia Flyers organization. On the ice, Joe was a two-time Stanley Cup champion, a stalwart defenseman, and famously scored a key goal against legendary goaltender Vladislav Tretiak in a 1976 exhibition game against the Soviet Red Army team. Not particularly known as a scorer, Flyers legendary then-coach Fred Shero said about the goal that it "had set Russian hockey back 25 years." Joe played in 835 NHL games over the course of 14 NHL seasons, wearing the orange and black in all but 89. Only five players in team history played more games as a Flyer than Joe.



Invitations to the Members Appreciation Dinner will be sent out shortly.

B'Shalom,
Michael Seeherman

Join our Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/34530706934>

Annual Membership Dues: \$80.00

\$70 for members over 65 years old

Sponsor: \$240 (includes membership dues)
Sponsors will be recognized at all Men's Club events. If feasible, there will be a sponsor-exclusive meet and greet with Men's Club event speakers.

Chai "Circle of Life" Sponsor: \$360
(includes membership dues) The Chai "Circle of Life" Sponsor will literally be the inner circle of Men's Club contributors. They will receive all of "Sponsor" benefits. They will also receive any books and materials sold by event speakers.

Please pay with this link:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=QS7RL2BD6W2C8

**SAVE THE DATE
DECEMBER 12, 2021**

6:00 p.m.

**MEN'S CLUB
MEMBER APPRECIATION
Dinner**

**Men's Club
Hershel Gordon
L 'Dor V' Dor
Honoree
Rabbi Saul I. Grife**

*Beth Tikvah B'nai Jeshurun
1001 Paper Mill Road
Erdenheim, Pa. 19038*

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215-836-5677*

Details to follow

Save The Dates

Friday, December 10, 2021

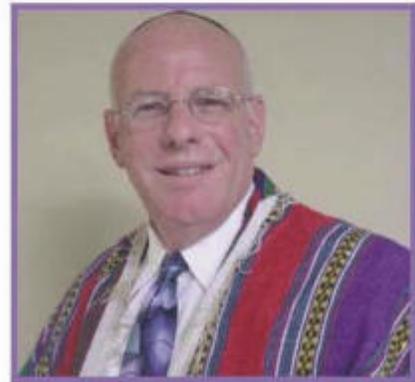
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Saturday, December 11, 2021

As we Honor

Rabbi Saul Grife

for 23 years of service
to BTBJ



Friday, December 10, 2021

Dinner 6:00 p.m. Services 7:15 p.m.

Oneg Reception at the conclusion of Services

Saturday, December 11, 2021

Service 10:00 a.m.

Kiddush Luncheon at the conclusion of services

Our Services will also be live streamed

Invitation to follow

PRESCHOOL PICTURES



**FALL
FUN
AT
BTBJ**





**Brenna Fox
Daughter of
Rachel and Steve
Sister of Alyssa
Becomes a
Bat Mitzvah on
November 13, 2021**

Brenna is a current 7th grader at Colonial Middle School and has been a part of BTBJ religious school since the 1st grade. To know Brenna is to know that she has two loves – dolphins and all things, Star Wars. She also loves traveling with her family and spending time laughing with her friends. She spent her first summer away at Camp Wayne for Girls and found a hidden talent playing archery. She holds the camp record for bullseyes and even beat the director who teaches the sport. After her Bat Mitzvah, Brenna plans on taking Archery lessons to improve her skills even more!

For Brenna's Bat Mitzvah Project, she is raising awareness and money for the Abayudaya Jewish Community in Uganda, specifically their Hadassah Primary School.

The Abayudaya are a community of about 2,500 African Jews centered around the city of Mbale, Uganda. This group adopted Judaism over 100 years ago. This past year, during the COVID lockdown, they were forced to shut down their schools and synagogues and stay home from work many, many times. Without savings, life for the Abayudaya has been very hard.

As the community begins to open up and the Hadassah Primary school reopens, it needs help to power, educate, house and feed its students safely while still under threat from COVID.

Brenna has really enjoyed learning about this community and even has a pen-pal that she emails on a regular basis. She knows that The Jewish people stick together, and she invites you to help her meet the goal of raising at least \$2,018 for this community. Brenna is very excited to share that the Kippot being handed out at her service were made by the people of the Abayudaya community.

Please help her raise money to send to this amazing community who will really benefit from all of your help. The GoFund me link to donate is: <https://gofund.me/c57e7075>

Thank you to Cantor Benjamin for your patience and encouragement working with Brenna to learn all of her prayers for her big day. We also want to thank all of Brenna's religious school teachers, Val Hurwitz, Rabbi Grife and Rabbi Roni for teaching Brenna the values needed to be a part of the adult Jewish Community. We are very grateful to be a part of the BTBJ family.

Brenna's family is very proud of Brenna for becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Mazel Tov!



**Jason Walters
Son of
Sara and Jeffrey
Brother of Andrew
Becomes a
Bar Mitzvah on
December 4, 2021**

Jason has grown up at BTBJ starting with Mommy and Me followed by preschool, camp, and Religious School. Jason has furthered his Jewish identity first at Ramah Day Camp and for the past 3 summers at Pinemere Camp where he especially enjoys spending time with friends and playing sports.

Jason is an honor roll 7th grade student at Colonial Middle School. His favorite subject is History. Jason has been an active participant in Whitemarsh Little League since he was in kindergarten. Jason enjoys all Philadelphia sports and especially loves going to Citizens Bank Park. Aside from sports, he has an amazing ear for music and enjoys playing drums and trumpet. He can often be found creating music and beats on his laptop. Jason loves shooting hoops with friends in the backyard, playing video games, and chatting with friends on FaceTime.

For his mitzvah project, Jason decided to volunteer at the Jewish Relief Agency of Philadelphia. He assisted in packing boxes, delivering food to low-income households, and making caring cards. Jason really enjoyed being part of a community of people helping others in need.

Jason is particularly excited to have his Bar Mitzvah here at BTBJ, where his grandfather was the Cantor for 27 years. He would like to thank all his teachers who have helped prepare him for this day. A special thank you to Rabbi Grife, Cantor Benjamin, and Rabbi Roni for their guidance, teachings, and support.



Sisterhood Event

Sisterhood Game Night

**Monday, December 6, 2021
7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.**



Bring your favorite board games, Maj Jongg or Canasta sets and have a fun evening with friends!

Individual snacks and bottles of water will be provided or you can BYOB

**Questions contact
Betsy Berger 610-324-6510**

**Free to Sisterhood Members
\$5.00 Non-Sisterhood members
Sisterhood Membership is \$36.00**



Save The Date

Saturday, December 18, 2021

7:30pm

Jewish Humor In America, From The Goldberg's To The Goldberg's

Presented by the
Congregational Learning
Committee



"A hilarious night of Jewish comedy, and what makes a joke Jewish, from the Borscht Belt, Woody Allen, Joan Rivers, through Jerry Seinfeld and Jon Stewart, performed by acclaimed Philadelphia actor and singer, the incomparable Leah Walton, and a special guest performer."

Please Be Our Guests
Sponsored by our
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Watch for your e-vite!

CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING AT BTBJ Condolences

NOVEMBER 2021

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 8, 22, 29

Mussar Class.....7:00 pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 16, 30

BTBJ University.....7:00 pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 18

Beginner's Hebrew.....11:00 am

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Rabbi Roni's Salon.....7:00 pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Sundays with Rabbi Grife.....10:30 am

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 23

Adult Trope with Cantor Benjamin.....7:00 pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Daf Yomi.....7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Daf Yomi.....7:15 pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Torah Study Session.....11:15 am

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Parenting Series - Nurture the WOW.....10:30 am

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Daf Yomi.....7:15 pm

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 9, 15

Daf Yomi.....7:00 pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 9

Beginner's Hebrew.....11:00 am

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 13

Mussar Class.....7:00 pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

BTBJ University.....7:00 pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Torah Study Session.....11:15 am

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Sundays with Rabbi Grife.....10:30 am

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 28

Adult Trope with Cantor Benjamin.....7:00 pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Special Adult Trope Shabbat Service.....9:30 am

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Jewish Humor in America "From the Goldberg's to the Goldberg's".....7:00 pm



We are expanding our Brag Bag.....

We would like to acknowledge the super accomplishments of all our talented congregants. We want to celebrate our children, our families and our friends on their special awards and honors. Please also let us know of your life cycle events with pictures including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, special birthdays, etc.

Our Sincere Condolences to:

Sherri Belkoff and family on the passing of their beloved mother and grandmother, **Harriet Kaufman**.

Jan Zacharjasz and family on the passing of their beloved mother and grandmother, **Dr. Gertrude Moskowitz**.

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**SUNDAY
BRUNCH SERIES
Parenting
Program**

**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 21**

at 10:30 a.m.

Following Minyan at 9:30 a.m.

**Please join us to
discuss the book
“Nurture the Wow”
by Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg.**

Parenting is an ever-demanding, relentless, joyful, and often difficult journey. In “Nurture the Wow,” Rabbi Ruttenberg offers a unique way to approach the ups and downs of parenthood, through a spiritual, yet realistic lens. Please join Barbra Berly Mellits, educator, trainer, program and curriculum developer, and group facilitator, whose practice focuses on the enhancement of the emotional-well-being and interpersonal skills of people of all ages, as she walks us through the lessons and take-aways of “Nurture the Wow.”

Bagels, Coffee, Fruit and Pastries will be served.
Pre-registration is required.

Sponsored by our Congregational Learning Committee
Please Be Our Guest

In Person and on Zoom e-vite and link to follow

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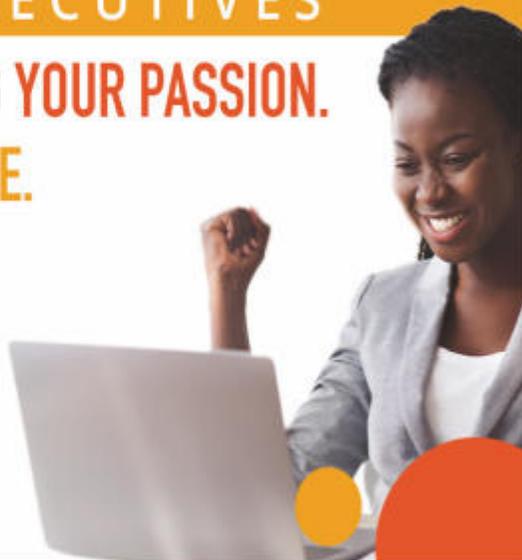
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Light candles.....5:35 pm
Services.....9:30 am

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Services.....9:30 am
Holly Boegner, daughter of Lauren and Scott Boegner will
be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah
Virtual Junior Congregation.....10:30 am

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Light candles.....4:29 pm
Services.....6:30 pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Services.....9:30 am
Brenna Fox, daughter of Rachel and Steven Fox will be
called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Light candles.....4:23 pm
Services.....6:30 pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Services.....9:30 am
Junior Congregation.....10:30 am
Torah Study Session.....11:15 am

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Light candles.....4:20 pm
NO SERVICES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Services.....9:30 am

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

Light candles.....4:18 pm
Services.....7:00 pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

Services.....9:30 am
Jason Walters, son of Sarah and Jeff Walters will be
called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah
Virtual Junior Congregation.....10:30 am

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

Light candles.....4:17 pm
Services.....7:15 pm
Honoring Rabbi Grife

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Services.....9:30 am
Honoring Rabbi Grife

SCHEDULE of SERVICES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Light candles.....4:19 pm
Services.....6:30 pm
featuring Keshet Teens

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Services.....9:30 am
Junior Congregation.....10:30 am

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

Light candles.....4:22 pm
NO SERVICES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

Services.....9:30 am

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

Light candles.....4:27 pm
NO SERVICES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

Services.....9:30 am

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

Light candles.....4:33 pm
Services.....6:00 pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

Services.....9:30 am
Junior Congregation.....10:30 am

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

Light candles.....4:41 pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

Services.....9:30 am
Tu B'Shevat Seder.....11:00 am

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

Light candles.....4:49 pm
Services.....6:30 pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

Services.....9:30 am
featuring Dalet and Hay students
Virtual Junior Congregation.....10:30 am
Torah Study Session.....11:15 am